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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 0217

E.O. 11652: ADS DECLAS JUNE 30, 1975

TAGS: ASEC PINS PORS TD

SUBJECT: BOMB IN VICINITY OF EMBASSY

CARACAS FOR RSO

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0958 JANUARY 29, 1975, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION FROM THE COM DRIVER THAT A BOMB HAD BEEN FOUND AT THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICES LOCATED JUST A HALF A BLOCK FROM THE EMBASSY CHANCERY. THE AMBASSADOR WAS MAKING AN OFFICIAL CALL AT THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION. THE BOMB HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE DOOR OF THE HIGH COMMISSION AND TAKEN ACROSS THE STREET TO THE QUEEN'S PARK WHICH FRONTS ON BOTH THE HIGH COMMISSION AND THE EMBASSY.

2. BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE REPORTED ITEM THE DCM ORDERED A PRELIMINARY ALERT OF OUR PERSONNEL AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED OF THE OFFICE BUILDINGS AND COMPOUND. NO SUSPECT ITEMS WERE FOUND.

3. EMBOFF VISITED AREA WHERE BOMB HAD BEEN ISOLATED AND WAS INFORMED BY MEMBERS OF LOCAL POLICE SERVICE THAT THEY
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WERE AWAITING LOCAL BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM. THIS WAS AT 1007 HRS.

POLICE ALSO STATED THAT BOMB HAD A NOTE ATTACHED STATING THAT DEVICE WAS DUE TO EXPLODE AT 1000 HRS. AT 1117 HRS THE DEVICE WAS REMOVED FROM THE AREA.

4. ANOTHER EMBOFF VISITED POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH AND WAS INFORMED THAT BOMB BELIEVED TO BE OF PIPE VARIETY WITH TIMING MECHANISM. NOTE ATTACHED MERELY CRITICIZED INDIAN GOVERNMENT POLICIES WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC AND WITHOUT ATTRIBUTING THREAT TO ANY ORGANIZATION. AS OF THIS TIME WE WILL DO NOT HAVE FINAL CONFIRMATION OF WHETHER "BOMB" WAS GENUINE OR SIMULATED.

5. COMMENT: AT NO TIME WAS THIS EMBASSY INFORMED OFFICIALLY OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER NOR WERE ANY PRECAUTIONARY STEPS TAKEN BY POLICE TO DETOUR TRAFFIC, PERSONNEL, OR ALERT NEARBY RESIDENTS. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH AUTHORITIES REGARDING INCIDENT AND MAY HAVE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER FULLER EVALUATION.

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